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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-17 and 19-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-35, 37, 39-48, 51, 53, and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,988,287.

US'587 discloses, with respect to claims 1 and 16, an apparatus that includes a downhole force generator [fishing tool] for interaction with a well tool 14 comprising: a downhole power unit having a moveable shaft 138; an anchor 20; and an operating [pulling] tool 128. With respect to claims 27 and 43, the reference discloses a method for transmitting force to [dislodging] a well tool comprising: running a downhole force generator [fishing tool] downhole; longitudinally securing the generator [fishing tool] within a wellbore; operably engaging the well tool with the generator [fishing tool]; and transmitting a force to [dislodging] the well tool. With respect to the depending claims, the reference teaches the limitations as claimed, including slips 110 and packer element.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10-17, 20, 21, 23, 25-31, 33-37, 39-47, 49-51, 53, and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,228,507 (cited by applicant).

US'507 discloses, with respect to claims 1 and 16, an apparatus that includes a downhole force generator [fishing tool] for interaction with a well tool comprising: a downhole power unit 110 having a moveable shaft; an anchor 64; and an operating [pulling] tool 74. With respect to claims 27 and 43, the reference discloses a method for transmitting force to [dislodging] a well tool comprising: running a downhole force generator [fishing tool] downhole; longitudinally securing the generator [fishing tool] within a wellbore; operably engaging the well tool with the generator [fishing tool]; and transmitting a force to [dislodging] the well tool. With respect to the depending claims, the reference teaches the limitations as claimed, including slips 64, power source 150, electric motor 20, spring 67, and wireline 10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,228,507 in view of EP 0952302 (cited by applicant).

US'507 discloses an apparatus and method as stated above. However, the reference fails to teach or suggest a downhole controller as called for in the claims.

EP'302 teaches a downhole force generator having a downhole controller 4 for the purpose of controlling the operation of a downhole tool 6.

It would have been considered obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided the apparatus of US'507 with a downhole controller in view of EP'302 in order to provide for downhole control of the well tool.

6. Claims 7, 22, 38, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,228,507 in view of EP 0999343 (cited by applicant).

US'507 discloses an apparatus and method as stated above. However, the reference fails to teach or suggest the downhole shaft rotatably moveable such that the downhole force generator generates a rotary force on the well tool as called for in the claims.

EP'343 teaches a method and apparatus for actuating a downhole device that includes a downhole unit imparting a rotary force on a tool for the purpose of actuating a well tool.

It would have been considered obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided the apparatus of US'507 with a downhole rotary force on a well tool in view of EP'343 in order to move the well tool.

Allowable Subject Matter


7. Claims 3 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zakiya N. Walker whose telephone number is (571) 272-7039. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on (571) 272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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